

**Neighborhood Advisory Group (NAG) Meeting**  
**San Jose City Hall Tower, 17<sup>th</sup> floor**  
**City Manager's Conference Room**  
**February 17, 2010**

**6:35 pm- Agenda Item I-Welcome and Chair's Remarks**

- Don Gagliardi welcomed everyone and led introductions.

**6:37 pm- Agenda Item II- Councilmember Liccardo Announcements**

- A parks memo is due soon with projects, \$\$ and maintenance information. Currently looking for creative solutions.
- St. James Park- buildings are scheduled for demolition due to severe deterioration. Senior programs will be moving to Roosevelt Community Center.
- Agency proposal bids are being reviewed to offer services at Northside and Alma Community Centers.
- Anticipate 400-700 city jobs cut in upcoming fiscal year.
- 500 city programs are being evaluated and prioritized. There's a possibility that entire programs may be eliminated instead of making cuts to all across the board.
- No indication that city bargaining units are willing too make wage concessions.
- The Irish Tech Center, funded by the Irish government, will be opening in Spring.
- Urban Market opening date scheduled for late summer.

**6:49 pm- Agenda Item III- Tree Maintenance**

- Dennis Cunningham expert on successful Naglee Park model (e-mail handout)
- If a city-approved arborist is used for tree maintenance, no separate permitting required. List of arborists and regulations on city website.
- Don Gagliardi- Inquiries on volume discounts, low-income possibilities, any city options?
- Councilmember Liccardo suggests not waiting for a city option, need is more urgent and city process can be lengthy.
- Tina Morrill- Any possibility of partnership with Our City Forest?
- D3 office can organize people in interested in researching tree-trimming companies. Forward any interested names from neighborhood groups.

**7:00 Agenda Item IV- Neighborhoods Commission Update**

- Beth Shafran Mukai- proposed executive committee topics: roundtable, city trees, 6 month police rotations.

- Commission is in conversation with the new POA (police officers assn) president for a pilot program.

#### **7:05 Agenda Item V- D3 Budget Subcommittee**

- Tina Morrill- Encouraged attendance at the March 23<sup>rd</sup> city council budget discussion meeting.
- Neighborhood message: 1. Don't balance the city budget on the back's of residents. 2. Public safety is more than police and fire.
- Beth Shafran Mukai- Strong Neighborhood Initiative (SNI) cuts adversely affect the neighborhoods' abilities to fend for themselves and have negative long term consequences.
- Councilmember Liccardo indicated that repeating the neighborhood message could be a useful in swaying councilmembers on the "fence".

#### **8:05 pm- Agenda Item VI- Open Forum & Announcements**

- Mayor's breakfast, February 18, 2010, 7:30- 9:00 am
- Cinequest February 23- March 7
- Ragan- Neighborhood funding flier (\$1000)
- Don- Earthquakes February 22 at 6pm, Joyce Ellington library
- Beth- Neighborhoods Commission reps are available to attend meetings

#### **8:07 pm- Meeting Adjourned.**

**Next meeting date: Wednesday, March 17, 2010, 6:30-8:00 pm, City Hall tower, 17<sup>th</sup> floor, city manager's conference room.**